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AIR DISTRICT TO OFFER GRANTS FOR CLEANER HEAVY-DUTY ENGINES Bidder's Conference Scheduled for October 4

Lancaster – Up to \$572,449 in grants will soon be available for local projects which reduce smog-forming emissions from heavy-duty vehicles and equipment, officials at the Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District (AVAPCD) have announced.

Starting on October 15, the local air agency will begin accepting applications for funding under the Carl Moyer Program, which awards grants for the incrementally higher cost of cleaner heavy-duty vehicles and equipment such as on-road vehicles, off-road vehicles, marine vessels, locomotives, stationary agricultural pumps, forklifts, and airport ground support engines. Beginning this year, auxiliary power units used to reduce emissions from truck idling are also eligible for grant funding.

Should total requests for eligible projects exceed available funds by October 19, applications will be subject to competitive review. Otherwise, eligible projects will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis.

On October 4 at 1:30 P.M., the AVAPCD will hold a Bidder's Conference at their Lancaster offices, located at 43301 Division Street, Suite 206. During this Conference, District staff will provide an overview of the Carl Moyer Program and be available to answer questions about the application process.

Under the Carl Moyer Program, the California Air Resources Board provides grant monies to participating air districts for local distribution. For each \$2 received from the state, local air districts must provide at least \$1 in match funding.

The Call for Projects documents are available on the AVAPCD's website at **www.avapcd.ca.gov**, or by contacting the District at (661) 723-8070.